

TO PUT LIMIT ON THE JITNEYS IS CITY PLAN

Business of the Street Car
Company Is Suffering.

Busses To Be Forbidden Use of
Certain Streets.

THEY MAY USE KANSAS AVENUE

But No Other Thoroughfares
Occupied by City Railway.

Early Action Is Looked for at
City Hall.

"I am in favor of more rigid regulation of the jitney business in Topeka," said Commissioner Tandy today when his attention was called to the report that more big jitneys would soon be seen on the streets.

"If Topeka citizens want to have a first class street railway system they can't do it if we allow the jitney to take the cream of street car traffic from the street railway."

"They pay a big tax and license to operate their street cars and by making extensions into the suburbs they have enhanced the value of property many fold and, for one, do not believe we are giving them a square deal by allowing so many jitneys to operate."

"Take the paving item alone, which according to law, they must pay. There are few people in Topeka who realize that the street car company maintains some 42 miles of street railway tracks. The law says that they must pave and maintain 19 feet of the street on all double track lines and eight feet on single track lines. This alone is a tremendous expenditure and to this one fact we can attribute the large number of miles of paved streets we have here in Topeka. Without the street car company's paying its part of this the taxpayer would notice a big difference in his taxes."

Would Place a Limit.

"If the jitneys would keep off the streets occupied by the street cars and would operate only on streets where there is no car service then they would be filling a real need, but the trouble is they go just ahead of the street car and pick up the traffic that rightfully belongs to the railway."

"It takes money to maintain and operate this system of ours here in Topeka and we have a good system but we won't have it long if we allow the jitneys to take away the revenue that rightfully belongs to it and I am for more rigid laws governing them."

"What law would you favor," he was asked.

"Let them operate up and down Kansas avenue and on all streets where there is not a car track but keep them off all streets where there is a street car line, with the exception of Kansas avenue," he said.

"Will such an ordinance be brought before the commission soon?" he was asked.

"All I have to say now is that I would not advise any one to spend any big amount of money in buying trucks or big jitney busses for I do not feel that we are giving the street car company a square deal by allowing so many of them to operate on our streets."

"How much of a tax does the street car company pay, besides paying for the street paving?" was asked.

"About \$28,000 in all, I believe, and this amount is paid into the city treasury every year."

"How do the rest of the commissioners feel about this matter?" he was asked.

"I have not talked to them lately but I have expressed myself and I am going to stick to a position that I do not believe we are giving the street car company a square deal, nor do I believe any citizen will think so, if he give the matter a little thought."

When another member of the commission was approached regarding the subject and told of Tandy's views, he said that he entirely agreed with him that conditions were such that regulation must be brought about to keep the jitneys off the streets now occupied by the railway company."

A general canvass of the situation in the city hall among members of the city commission revealed the fact that rigid regulation of the jitney may be looked for soon in Topeka.

WORK OR GET OUT

Judge Yates Issues an Ultimatum to
Two Young Men.

Robert Yates, police judge, is not an ordained minister, but he preached a sermon this morning to William and John Slavens who had been arrested on the charge of vagrancy.

Judge Yates was in earnest. Some of the language used would hardly have passed in a pulpit but he knew his congregation. He knew that soft words would get him nowhere. He wanted to impress upon the two young men that it was up to them to support their mother and that failure to do so will be disastrous.

"You've been arrested as vags," he said. "You are vags. You are worthless young vagabonds. There are no words I can use that will convey to you my contempt for two big hulks like you, with a mother in hard circumstances, who will loaf around, live off her earnings and refuse to work."

"If you stay in this town you've got to work. I won't stand for anything else. I'm not going to fine you because your poor mother would have to pay your fines or the city would have to feed you and we're not going to feed such as you."

"Get out of here! Get out and go work. Buy groceries and take them home to your mother. Go now, and don't waste any time on your going. If we find you loafing you'll be arrested and believe me, if you are arrested again the law is going to descend upon you with a mighty hand."

"Bill" and "Jack" Slavens went quietly and quickly. They took Judge Yates at his word, all of which he said they were justified in doing.

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Will have its annual thanksgiving at Shiloh Baptist church, 12th and Buchanan, May 14. All members are asked to meet at hall, Fourth and Kansas ave., at 1 p. m. Leave hall at 2 o'clock.—Adv.



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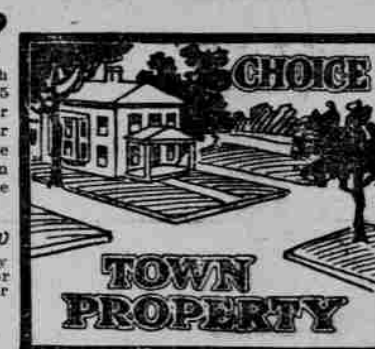
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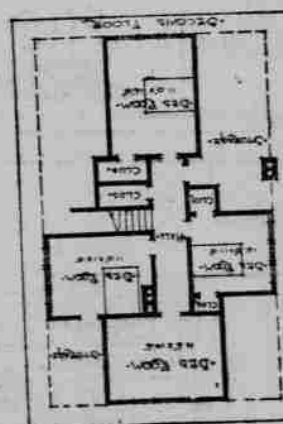
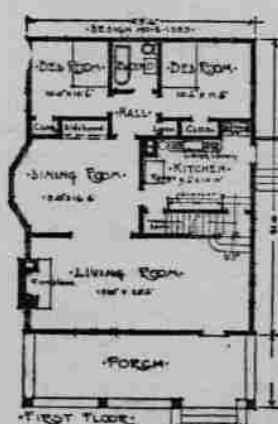
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Simplicity and economy of construction are paramount in the bungalow home shown above; its whole attractiveness lying in its proportions and window groupings.

For a family where a goodly number of bedrooms are required the floor plan suggested below would be most attractive, there being six in all. They are each of very good size and have generous closet accommodations.

Taking up the entire front of the house, the living room is a decided feature. The stairway rises just opposite the entrance door and has a few steps descending to the kitchen. A wide cased opening gives to the dining room, sunny and bay-windowed, with a sideboard recessed in the rear wall.

The cost, exclusive of heating, plumbing, electric work and decorations, is \$3,000.00. Plans and specifications, \$25.00.



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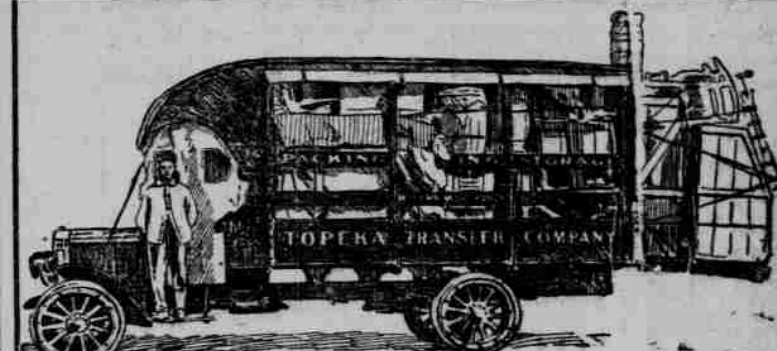
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